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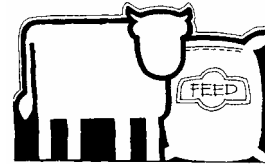


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## October 1 Cattle on Feed

**IOWA:** There were 690,000 cattle on feed for the slaughter market in all feedlots in Iowa on October 1, down 4 percent from September 1, 2003 and down 20 percent from October 1, 2002. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head had 310,000 head on feed, up 3 percent from last month but down 2 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head had 380,000 head on feed, down 10 percent and 20 percent from last month and last year, respectively.

Of the feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head, 200,000 were steers and steer calves; 109,000 were heifers and heifer calves; and 1,000 were cows and bulls. Steers and steer calves inventory was unchanged from a year ago while heifer and heifer calves inventory decreased by 5 percent from the previous year. Cow and bull inventory remained unchanged from October 1, 2002.

Placements during September totaled 155,000 head, up 20 percent from last month but down 11 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head placed 80,000 head, up 1 percent and 18 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head placed 75,000 head, up 50 percent from last month but down 29 percent from last year.

Marketings for September were 178,000 head, up 18 percent and 7 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Feedlots with a capacity greater than 1,000 head marketed 69,000 head, down 5 percent

from last month but up 11 percent from last year. Feedlots with a capacity less than 1,000 head marketed 109,000 head, up 40 percent and 5 percent from last month and last year, respectively. Other disappearance totaled 7,000 head.

**UNITED STATES:** Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.2 million head on October 1, 2003. The inventory was 2 percent below October 1, 2002 and 8 percent below October 1, 2001. The inventory included 6.24 million steers and steer calves, down slightly from the previous year. This group accounted for 61 percent of the total inventory. Heifers and heifer calves accounted for 3.91 million head, down 4 percent from 2002.

Placements in feedlots during September totaled 2.47 million, 13 percent above 2002 and 16 percent above 2001. Net placements were 2.41 million. During September, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 698,000, 600-699 pounds were 545,000, 700-799 pounds were 610,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 621,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during September totaled 2.03 million, 10 percent above 2002 and 11 percent above 2001.

Other disappearance totaled 63,000 during September, 19 percent above 2002 and 37 percent above 2001.

## Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Placements and Marketings by Month, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots<sup>1</sup>

State	Cattle on feed October			Placements during September			Marketings during September			September disappearance other than slaughter <sup>2</sup>		
	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002	2002	2003	<u>2003</u> 2002
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
Arizona	288	275	95	30	25	83	26	23	88	1	1	100
California	495	485	98	60	61	102	52	63	121	3	3	100
Colorado	1,030	950	92	255	255	100	220	200	91	5	5	100
Idaho	280	270	96	69	82	119	63	56	89	1	1	100
<u>Iowa</u>	<u>315</u>	<u>310</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>80</u>	<u>118</u>	<u>62</u>	<u>69</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>100</u>
Kansas	2,280	2,300	101	460	530	115	400	465	116	10	15	150
Nebraska	1,960	1,830	93	450	520	116	335	345	103	5	5	100
New Mexico	113	123	109	20	16	80	18	10	56	3	4	133
Oklahoma	330	350	106	83	81	98	57	73	128	1	3	300
S. Dakota	150	145	97	49	49	100	43	37	86	1	1	100
Texas	2,720	2,720	100	530	620	117	470	580	123	20	20	100
Washington	170	190	112	42	53	126	26	41	158	1	2	200
Other States	285	265	93	72	102	142	76	70	92	1	2	200
U.S.	10,416	10,213	98	2,188	2,474	113	1,848	2,032	110	53	63	119

<sup>1</sup> Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better. <sup>2</sup> Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

## Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed by Class, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots by Quarter, State, and United States, 2002-2003

State	Steers & Steer Calves			Heifers & Heifer Calves			Cows and Bulls		
	October 1, 2002	July 1, 2003	October 1, 2003	October 1, 2002	July 1, 2003	October 1, 2003	October 1, 2002	July 1, 2003	October 1, 2003
1,000 Head									
AZ	281	262	271	7	4	4	0	0	0
CA	455	450	445	38	40	40	2	0	0
CO	585	510	580	440	375	365	5	5	5
ID	194	166	166	86	88	104	0	1	0
IA	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>200</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>109</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
KS	1,240	1,150	1,220	1,030	995	1,060	10	15	20
NE	1,030	950	1,010	890	725	805	40	15	15
NM	60	58	54	53	57	69	0	0	0
OK	200	220	215	125	129	131	5	1	4
SD	68	80	77	75	71	59	7	16	9
TX	1,620	1,770	1,700	1,097	1,048	1,018	3	2	2
WA	110	100	110	60	60	77	0	0	3
Other Sts	215	195	190	69	50	70	1	5	5
U.S.	6,258	6,111	6,238	4,084	3,751	3,911	74	61	64

### All Cattle on Feed, Iowa

	Lots 1,000+ Head	Lots Less than 1,000 Head	All Lots
----- Thousand head -----			
Cattle on Feed, September 1, 2003	300	420	720
September Placements	80	75	155
September Marketings	69	109	178
Other Disappearance in September	1	6	7
Cattle on Feed, October 1, 2003	310	380	690

### September Milk Production

**IOWA:** Milk production in Iowa in September totaled 294 million pounds, down 1.3 percent from September 2002. The average number of milk cows, 200 thousand head, was 9,000 head below September 2002. Production per cow averaged 1,470 pounds, forty-five pounds higher than production levels one year ago.

**UNITED STATES:** Milk production in the 20 major States during September totaled 11.6 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from September 2002. August revised production, at 12.1 billion pounds,

was down 0.9 percent from August 2002. The August revision represented a decrease of 0.1 percent or 17 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,503 pounds for September, 6 pounds more than September 2002. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.74 million head, 38,000 head less than September 2002, and 7,000 head less than August 2003.

### September Milk Cows and Milk Production

State	Milk cows <sup>1</sup>		Milk per cow <sup>2</sup>		Milk production <sup>2</sup>		Change from 2002
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	
	Thousands		Pounds		Million pounds		Percent
California	1,658	1,701	1,700	1,655	2,819	2,815	-0.1
Illinois	115	108	1,365	1,400	157	151	-3.8
Iowa	209	200	1,425	1,470	298	294	-1.3
Minnesota	480	470	1,340	1,360	643	639	-0.6
Missouri	136	127	1,050	1,115	143	142	-0.7
Wisconsin	1,268	1,253	1,405	1,440	1,782	1,804	1.2
20 State Total <sup>3</sup>	7,781	7,743	1,497	1,503	11,648	11,641	-0.1

<sup>1</sup> Includes dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh. <sup>2</sup> Excludes milk sucked by calves. <sup>3</sup> The 20 States are Arizona, California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

## September Layers and Egg Production

**IOWA:** Egg production in Iowa for September 2003 was 854 million eggs, up almost 4 percent from the same period a year ago. The total number of layers on hand during September 2003 was 38.9 million, up 3 percent from 37.6 million layers in September 2002. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of September was 2,194, equal to the previous year.

included 6.04 billion table eggs and 1.02 billion hatching eggs, of which 961 million were broiler-type and 55.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during September 2003 averaged 332 million, down 2 percent from a year earlier. September egg production per 100 layers was 2,127 eggs, up slightly from September 2002.

**UNITED STATES:** U.S. egg production totaled 7.05 billion during September 2003, down 1 percent from last year. Production

### All Layers and Egg Production, September 2002 and 2003<sup>1</sup>

State	Table Egg Layers in Flocks 30,000 and Above		All layers on hand <sup>2</sup>		Eggs per 100 layers <sup>2</sup>		Egg production by type					
	2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003	Total production		Table eggs <sup>3</sup>		Hatching eggs <sup>3</sup>	
							2002	2003	2002	2003	2002	2003
	-----Thousands-----				-----Number-----		-----Million eggs-----					
AR	4,435	4,229	14,394	14,628	1,841	1,846	265	270	94	94	171	176
CA	23,013	19,039	23,649	19,524	2,136	2,146	505	419				
GA	10,880	10,589	20,237	19,735	2,016	2,037	408	402	237	236	171	166
IN	22,141	21,938	22,839	22,613	2,272	2,162	519	489	507	477	12	12
IA	36,771	38,162	37,562	38,925	2,194	2,194	824	854				
MN	10,765	10,423	11,500	11,016	2,191	2,151	252	237	243	229	9	8
NE	11,553	11,747	11,653	11,847	2,188	2,212	255	262	255	262	0	0
NC	3,337	3,387	10,692	10,442	1,899	1,925	203	201	77	80	126	121
OH	30,377	28,205	30,864	28,699	2,142	2,150	661	617				
PA	22,429	22,313	23,709	23,619	2,244	2,252	532	532	518	518	14	14
TX	14,082	14,044	18,484	18,304	2,099	2,087	388	382				
30 Sts <sup>4</sup>	257,949	252,179	315,926	309,381	2,117	2,128	6,689	6,583	5,728	5,649	960	934
U.S.	273,450	268,670	337,264	331,659	2,119	2,127	7,147	7,054	6,100	6,038	1,046	1,016

<sup>1</sup>2003 preliminary, 2002 revised. <sup>2</sup>Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size. <sup>3</sup>Data by type of flock not shown for some States to avoid disclosing individual operations. <sup>4</sup>The 30 States are those listed as well as AL, CO, CT, FL, HI, IL, ME, MD, MI, MS, MO, NY, OK, OR, SC, SD, VA, WA, and WI.

## September Livestock Slaughter

**IOWA:** Commercial red meat production in Iowa during September 2003 totaled 561.2 million pounds, 9 percent above September 2002. Cattle slaughter was 82,100 head, compared with 54,500 in September 2002. The average live weight for cattle slaughtered in Iowa in September 2003 was 1,222 pounds, 47 pounds less than a year ago.

There were 2.57 million hogs slaughtered in September 2003, 5 percent above the same month last year. The average live weight of hogs slaughtered in September 2003 was 262 pounds, up 3 pounds from September 2002.

### Commercial Red Meat Production: United States<sup>1</sup>

Kind	September 2002	August 2003	September 2003	Sept. 2003 as % of		Jan. - Sept. <sup>2</sup>		2003 as % of 2002
				September 2002	August 2003	2002	2003	
	----- Million pounds -----			Percent		----- Million pounds -----		Percent
Beef	2,201	2,328	2,312	105	99	20,308	20,272	100
Veal	16.3	14.2	15.4	94	108	142.3	141.4	99
Pork	1,638	1,555	1,664	102	107	14,409	14,420	100
Lamb & mutton	17.6	15.7	16.9	96	108	162.0	147.2	91
Total red meat	3,873	3,913	4,008	103	102	35,022	34,981	100

<sup>1</sup>Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter. <sup>2</sup>Accumulated totals and percentages based on unrounded data.

## Choice Beef & Pork: Retail Value, Farm Value, Price Spreads, and Farmers' Share of the Retail Value

Item	Retail Value	Wholesale Value	Net Farm Value	Price Spreads			Farmers' Share
				Total	Wholesale-to-Retail	Farm-to-Wholesale	
----- Cents per pound of retail equivalent -----							Percent
Choice beef							
1997	279.5	158.2	137.2	142.3	121.3	21.0	49.1
1998	277.1	153.8	130.8	146.3	123.3	23.0	47.2
1999	287.8	171.6	141.1	146.7	116.2	30.5	49.0
2000	306.4	182.3	149.0	157.4	124.1	33.3	48.6
2001	337.7	192.1	154.5	183.2	145.6	37.6	45.8
2002	331.5	180.0	144.6	186.9	151.5	35.4	43.6
Pork							
1997	245.0	123.1	95.3	149.7	121.9	27.8	38.9
1998	242.7	97.3	61.2	181.5	145.4	36.1	25.2
1999	241.5	99.0	60.4	181.1	142.5	38.6	25.0
2000	258.2	114.5	79.4	178.8	143.7	35.1	30.8
2001	269.4	117.8	81.3	188.1	151.6	36.5	30.2
2002	265.7	100.7	61.9	203.8	165.0	38.8	23.3

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